

REMARKS

Claims 1-6, 8-19 and 21-26 are presented for examination, of which Claims 1 and 14 are in independent form. Claims 7 and 20 have been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter. Claims 1, 3-6, 8, 9, 12, 14, 16-19, 21, 22 and 26 have been amended to define still more clearly what Applicant regards as his invention.

The claims have been amended herein to replace "photoelectric conversion region" with --first semiconductor region--, "one of main electrode regions" with --a source or drain region--, "is not placed in an area" with --is placed at least a part in an area--. Although the terminology of certain elements has been changed, the claims are still believed to be allowable for reasons similar to those presented in the Amendment filed August 13, 2007.

Favorable consideration and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

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